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J. "Expression of sentiment tendered by members of the Edinburgh Ladies' Emancipation Society to the meeting of Committee held August 1st 1850.—

"We have long cherished a most ardent desire for the emancipation of the Slave in all quarters of the Globe; Of late years especially we have been earnestly desirous of aiding every effort made for the liberation of those millions of our fellow creatures, held in bondage within the United States of America.—

Convinced that no principle was right in itself, or could strike the root of the evil, except that of immediate emancipation, we have given our humble, but most cordial support to the Boston Society, through this Association; but deep & ardent tho' our love to the Slave must ever be, there is a still higher principle than that of anti-Slavery, viz. the honour of our God and Saviour, which we dare not compromise.

With sincere sorrow of heart therefore we feel ourselves compelled to withdraw from connexion with the Boston Society for the following reasons—

1st Because sentiments we conceive derogatory to

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the character of the Bible have been brought forward on the Anti-Slavery Platform, & published in the Paper supported by the Anti-Slavery Society; — for in some of the resolutions passed at the New England Convention, particularly resolution 19th —, the word of God has been spoken of in a manner that must fill the soul of every sincere Christian with alarm.

2d. Because the leading advocates of that Society in America have given utterance to sentiments which, in our opinion, are infidel in their nature & blasphemous against the Most High God.

3d. Because by holding such fellowship, we could not expect the blessing of God to rest upon our efforts."

Minute of Canr Ladies' Emancipation Committee
August 1st 1850

"The foregoing expression of sentiment, being that of many members of this Committee; ~~and~~ It is resolved, though with deep regret, that no box of Contributions be this year sent to the Boston Bazaar under the auspices of this Committee"

"The Secretary is directed to forward a copy of this minute to the Council of the Boston Bazaar. —

E. Wigham Jr.

5 Gray Street Edinburgh 8th month 30th 1850

My dear Friend

It is with great pain that I forward to thee the enclosed copy of a minute inserted on the books of our Society. I would have wished that the connection between the two Societies should have had no interruption of however short duration, feeling as we do that yours is the truest & most disinterested association in America for the help of the slave, & the only one in which we can fully place confidence as far as regards the interests of the Cause, as strictly Anti Slavery. We feel much grieved that you should have brought forward arguments & sentiments in your advocacy of the question, which we deem unnecessary, inexpedient, & dangerous. We do not think this great Cause at all requires such arguments as have been lately used by the agents of the American A. S. Socy. on the contrary, we think they weaken our hands, for where did the enterprise ever stand so firmly as when the faithful Garrison, placed it on "the Bible & the Bible alone"? The more you weaken human faith in the precepts & the authority of the Bible, the more we think, will you with-draw a firm foundation from the arguments & efforts & hopes called forth to our aid in this great Cause. Thus much I have thought

it needful to say on behalf of my mother, myself & several of our friends here, because while in some measure differing from the determination of the larger number of the Committee, we wished to state clearly that we unite in their feelings of unseemliness attending the mode of argument in question. — We do not however see it right to withhold the little help we may have been able to render to the Cause through you. I shall try to collect a small amount of contributions to the bazaar which we shall probably send through our Glasgow friends as we cannot at all expect to fill a box of our own; — we shall do our best however to send all we can, but it must of course be considered as a private contribution. — And we shall earnestly hope that next year we may be able all to unite once more & to double our efforts on account of the year that has been missed by the Committee, indeed several opened us that they would give double next year provided their meeting was removed & most heartily would they join heart & hand with you in your Anti Slavery efforts. — My dear friend, I trust no hardness of heart may creep in between us on account of these things! — let us rather yield something to the conscientious convictions of our friends & be willing on this account to search & try our steppings & if any change may be made without compromise oh! let us all be willing to concede even to what some may term limited views in others.

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